

# DEMOCRATS FULL OF ENTHUSIASM

At Jefferson Day Banquet Condemn Republican Policies and Predict Victory.

## CRITICISM OF PREST. TAFT

On Tariff Revision Declared to Have Capitulated to Old Republican Machine.

Washington, April 13.—Vigorous attacks on the Republican policy of high protection, condemnation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, which it was claimed was one of the principal causes of high prices, strong defense of the principles of Thomas Jefferson and highly applauded prediction of Democratic victory at the coming congressional elections, were made by the speakers at the banquet here tonight in honor of the birth of Thomas Jefferson. With members of both houses of Congress among the speakers and representatives of Democracy from all parts of the United States present, the banquet was an enthusiastic approval of the principles of Jefferson. His "revelation for the individual love of liberty" was praised by Representative Clayton of Alabama, toastmaster of the banquet.

His writings and teachings in favor of individualism under highly developed civilization as the antithesis of communism were praised by the speaker, who spoke of Jefferson's belief in state's rights and the separation of the different branches of government.

The certainty of Democratic harmony and the restoration of government to the rule of the Democratic party were declared to be due to the party, "one of omission and of commission by the Republican party. Vicarious sacrifice of certain members of the Republican party, he said, would not be accepted by the people of the country as a sufficient apology for the faults of the party. The Democratic party, he claimed, will remain harmonious. On motion of Representative Lloyd of Missouri, it was voted to send greetings to the Jefferson-day banquet in Indianapolis.

The first speaker of the evening was Representative Harrison of New York. He declared that for the Democratic party all signs were harbingers of hope and that being "united and harmonious, alert and aggressive," Democracy might well celebrate the day.

He predicted Democratic victory at the coming elections, saying that "people are ready to turn from a Republican rule that believes in creating prosperity by legislation to a Democratic rule that advocates creating prosperity by labor."

### TAFT AND TARIFF REVISION.

While acknowledging "the people today like and admire President Taft," Harrison asserted that instead of demanding a genuine revision of the tariff, upon the promise of which he was elected, he capitulated to the powerful influences of the old Republican machine. The president is unfortunate in having led a life of political progression along the lines of least resistance.

Declaring that in spite of the Roosevelt Republicans and Taft Republicans, La Follette-Beveridge Republicans and Republicans bearing the Cannon-Aldrich brand, as well as all the rest, "there will not be enough of them to

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carry the elections next November.

Mr. Harrison of New York, Taft, acting as toastmaster, "will be attacked by both sides."

"With his right hand," the speaker continued, "he strokes the insurgent cat, with his left, though his attorney general, he skins it alive."

"Meanwhile, fellow Democrats, let us encourage among them the practice of leading men out of the Republican party and into the Democratic ranks; and may the good days of Democratic harmony endure, world without end."

The speaker declared "that today the Republican machine leaders are riding the backs of 9,000,000 American citizens, and that their ringleader is the great apostle of privilege, Nelson W. Aldrich."

He said that when the tariff bill was under discussion "Mr. Taft should have turned a deaf ear to the specious pleadings of Senator Aldrich."

The latter's statement that he could have saved \$300,000,000 of the people's money every year, Mr. Harrison held, was a strong indictment of the Republican party.

Senator Ben F. Shively of Indiana spoke on Jefferson's political philosophy. He charged Alexander Hamilton as a "believer in corruption as a means of government, who went on the floor of Congress and traded patronage of the treasury department in legislation for votes."

"It was this," said the senator, "that Jefferson challenged."

"Today," said Senator Shively, "the Republican party may appeal to Lincoln on sentiment, but it always appeals to Hamilton for its principles."

Senator Shively attacked the Republican party rule as a confederacy of special privileges which has turned the taxing power of government into private assets.

"The great issue today," he said, "is that if the people of this country cannot recall their taxing power, no other reform is possible in the country. A colossal system of graft has been auctioned in this country at presidential elections by the Republican party."

### CHAMP CLARK'S VIEWS.

Minority Leader Champ Clark of Missouri then spoke.

Condemning the Republican party as the "most extravagant the sun ever shone on" and calling what he dubbed "the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot tariff bill," the worst tariff bill ever placed upon the statute books, Mr. Clark declared "it and its predecessor, the Dingley bill, with the trusts bred by the high tariff, are largely responsible for the high cost of living."

"If a high tariff does not increase prices," he asked, "why do the tariff barons want a high tariff? The question answers itself."

"The people this fall," he said, "are quite likely to take it into their heads to locate the authors of the vast extravagance which is eating up their substance and to punish them when found—a just and patriotic performance which will give us a Democratic house of representatives in the next Congress and both a Democratic president and house of representatives."

Senator Charles J. Hughes of Colorado emphasized the declaration of independence and characterized Jefferson as the greatest political captain in the history of this country.

A letter was read from Chairman Norman E. Mack of the Democratic national committee, who was unable to attend in person. The letter set forth that the writer had just completed a seven weeks' trip about the country and that he had found everywhere "distrust of the Republican party for failure to keep faith with the people by carrying out its platform pledges and the promises made to them by the president in his letter of acceptance."

### FOSS OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Eugene Foss of Massachusetts was introduced at a late hour. He said: "I hark back to college days, when the last to be initiated was called upon to close the occasion. Since the votes were counted I think you will agree with me that I have been fully initiated in the Democratic party. The people of Massachusetts want protection against the Payne-Aldrich bill. Our platform calls for free raw materials for our industries and free food products for our people."

"It also calls for reciprocity with Canada and our best customers, an income tax and anti-Cannism."

Congressman Clayton read the letter from Mr. Bryan written from San Paulo, Brazil, to the banqueters, who remained until a late hour. When he read, quoting from Mr. Bryan: "I take it for granted that your gathering will not adjourn without adoption of a resolution urging ratification by all the states of the income tax amendment to the federal Constitution," Mr. Clayton asked if there was a man in the room who opposed it to speak now or forever hold his peace.

Representative Rufus Hardie of Texas, demanded that a show of hands be called, which was done. Only one man voted in the negative and he announced that he did so because the tax was unnecessary. Mr. Clayton then declared Mr. Bryan's suggestion had been carried.

### INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE VEILY PATRONIZING

Washington, April 13.—John Temple Graves, former candidate for vice president of the United States on the Independence league ticket, injected into the Jefferson day dinner here late tonight a sensational feature. Mr. Graves, who was not on the program, had been requested at a late hour to speak.

He offered to the Democratic party in the coming campaign the support of the Independence league and its organizer, William R. Hearst. If the party would recognize the protestant principles of the Independence league.

"We are here to say," said Mr. Graves, "that at this time of hope for Democratic success—that is the success of real Jeffersonian Democracy—if the Democratic party is ready for the principles for which our league has fought, we should unite in this forthright struggle."

"The Independence league is against the Democratic party of caucus, but for the Democratic party of responsibility, the party of principle. We see an opportunity for united action. It depends upon you. We are ready to accept the Democratic party

that is not half Bryan, half Belmont, half Hearst, half Ryan. If these terms are not acceptable, the Independence league must stand outside and await a better day."

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"It'd pretty near kill me if I had to go to school regular," said the kid. "Can't I play hooky just once in a while?" Recorder Carroll was impressed and told the boy if he was reported regular in attendance hereafter he would be allowed two school days in each month "to sneak off to the woods." Johnny thanked the recorder.

### INTERNATIONAL AVIATION MEET

New York, April 14.—Formal application for the international aviation meeting came to the Aero Club of America today from Los Angeles. Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the club, said he was inclined to give Los Angeles favorable consideration. "The successful way in which they handled their big meeting last January," he said, "is a strong point in their favor. All conditions are favorable except that Los Angeles is so far from Atlantic ports."

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